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High court lets ban on travel take effect

Ruling suggests justices believe it does not exceed Trump's powers

By David G. Savage
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave President Donald Trump a significant victory Monday, ruling he may put his full travel ban into effect while legal appeals are being weighed in lower courts.

The decision, with only two dissents, strongly suggests the justices believe the current version of Trump's broad travel ban does not exceed his powers under the immigration laws and does not reflect unconstitutional religious discrimination against Muslims.

The justices issued an order Monday afternoon saying they had stayed or blocked lower court decisions that prevented full enforcement of the ban. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented.

The court's action vindicates a rather bold procedural move by Trump's solicitor general, Noel Francisco.

Two weeks ago, he filed an emergency plea with the high court urging the justices to bypass two lower courts that were weighing legal challenges to the third version of Trump's travel order, which was issued

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President Trump

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5th cop set to plead guilty

Lawyer says Allers will enter a plea on racketeering charge

By Justin Fenton
The Baltimore Sun

A fifth officer charged in the Baltimore police gun task force scandal is set to plead guilty, his attorney confirmed.

Sgt. Thomas Allers, who is charged with stealing more than $100,000 over three years while he was the supervisor of the Gun Trace Task Force, is scheduled to appear in federal court Wednesday. Defense attorney Gary Proctor confirmed Allers will enter a guilty plea to one count of racketeering.

Thomas Allers

Allers led a unit once praised by the Police Department as key to its crime-fighting strategy of taking guns off the streets. The unit has been disbanded, its members accused of robbing and extorting citizens, falsifying paperwork to cover their tracks and filing for unearned overtime for years.

Allers was not part of the initial indictment in February of the seven active members of the unit, but the former supervisor was charged in August with racketeering conspiracy and robbery. Federal prosecutors allege he participated in nine robberies between 2014 and 2016.

According to the indictment, Allers' adult son, who was not a police officer, participated in a raid where $66,000 was taken by father and son and two other detectives. Allers' son has not been charged. In another incident, police said a man robbed by Allers was unable to pay a drug debt and was murdered as a result.

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Framed for the holidays

LLOYD FOX/BALTIMORE SUN

Jazmon Moore of Baltimore, left, and Kawanza Tenner of Memphis, Tenn., have their picture taken at the Christmas Village at the Inner Harbor. The German-style market continues daily until Christmas Eve, except today and Dec. 12.

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz has called the Towson Row project an "urban centerpiece" for the county seat.

Towson Row could get $43M in aid

Kamenetz proposes funds to get downtown project going

By Pamela Wood
The Baltimore Sun

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz has proposed giving nearly $43 million to the developers behind the long-stalled Towson Row in downtown Towson to jump-start the project.

The county would give the money to developers Greenberg Gibbons and Caves Valley Partners over the next five years. The money would be repaid via the real estate and hotel taxes generated by the project over the next 20 years.

County officials say the assistance is necessary to get the project moving, and will be a good investment.

Caves Valley announced plans in 2013 for Towson Row — a mixed-use development of office buildings, a hotel, apartments, student housing and retail shops anchored by a Whole Foods grocery store. At 1.2 million square feet of developed space, it would be as large as the Towson Town Center mall.

Contractors for Caves Valley tore down

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MARYLAND

FBI STAYS MUM: The FBI had yet to respond Monday to a request from Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis that the agency take over the Police Department's investigation into the killing last month of Detective Sean Suiter. **NEWS PG 2**

INFANT DEATHS ON RISE: Baltimore health officials are urging parents with infants to practice safe sleep practices after recording a spike in sleep-related infant deaths in the city. Twelve babies have died in their sleep so far this year, compared with seven last year. **NEWS PG 2**

NEW TRIAL: A Baltimore judge granted Keith Davis Jr. a new trial after fresh questions emerged about the prison witness whose testimony helped convict him in the killing of a Pimlico Race Course security guard in 2015. **NEWS PG 2**

SIGN DISPUTE: In North Baltimore's Roland Park, a handful of residents have posted signs welcoming immigrants and supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Some see the signs as expressing the community's values, but the Roland Park Civic League says it received complaints that they're unsightly — and is calling on residents to take them down. **NEWS PG 3**

TODAY'S WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY AND WARM

62 HIGH | 44 LOW

Cooler on Wednesday **SPORTS PG 12**

DAVID GIESBRECHT/NETFLIX/TNS

Robin Wright, left, will return for the final season of "House of Cards," but Kevin Spacey will not. Spacey has been accused of sexual misconduct and was cut from the series.

'House of Cards' to resume filming final shows in Harford

Series reduced to 8 episodes and will be minus Spacey

By Brittany Britto and Michael Dresser
The Baltimore Sun

After more than a month in limbo, the Netflix political drama "House of Cards" will resume production of its final season in early 2018 — without Kevin Spacey.

Netflix chief content officer Ted Sarandos announced Monday at the UBS Global Media and Communications Conference in New York that the production would move forward, according to Variety.

"We were really excited we could get to an agreement ... for the conclusion of the show," Sarandos said at the conference.

Netflix and Media Rights Capital, the company that produces "House of Cards," declined to comment, but a source close to the production confirmed the news, adding that the season will have eight episodes. The cast and crew have been notified, they said.

Production on the show, which is filmed in the Baltimore area, was suspended in October after several sexual assault and misconduct allegations surfaced against

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